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St. Mary's Chapel, the first unit of the Cathedral, is on the south side of Ridge Avenue in the Roxborough section of northwestern Philadelphia. The 37 acre property is a splendid site both to see from and to be seen. Located on the attractive grounds are to be found a stone rectory of 13 rooms in excellent condition, a two-story Chapter House of 15 rooms containing offices, church school rooms, assembly rooms, and utility areas, and St. Mary's Chapel, the first unit of what may eventually be a great cathedral. The chapel is of stone and looks exactly what it is, a chapel intended to be incorporated into a large cathedral structure. As one currently approaches the chapel the impression of incompleteness is quite strong. The visitor expects to see workmen going about the job of finishing the rest of a larger structure.

A smaller St. Michael's Chapel is also part of the structure, but since this is a small area as far as floor space is concerned it does not appreciably change the basic size or impression of the existing structure.

In 1961 the Convention of the diocese made the Cathedral of Christ a pro-Cathedral. Since 1950 there has been a resident priest here, the present incumbent being the second permanent man.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

The 37-acre tract of land upon which the Cathedral sits is considered to be one of the highest points of

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land in the City of Philadelphia. It is on a ridge overlooking the Schuylkill River to the south. While there are commercial enterprises along Ridge Road, the area is primarily residential. New homes and apartments are being built in large numbers.

The United Census Bureau has divided the entire City of Philadelphia into small geographical units called census tracts. The Cathedral is located in Census Tract 21-H. For the purposes of this Study, the Division of Research has arbitrarily assigned this census tract plus four adjacent tracts to comprise a "parish study area".

The population of these five census tracts was 7,758 persons in 1960. No 1950 comparable population data are available for all of the census tracts, but in two of them the growth factor in the 1950's was between 284% and 368%. Local estimates are that this growth has continued and perhaps accelerated.

There are a lot of children in the area as will be noted from the number of children under 15 years of age on the chart below. Older people comprise 10% of one of the census tracts but less than that in all the others. The number of non-whites in the parish area is negligible, being less than 1%.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	POPULATION		%	%	%	%
	1950	1960		14 &	65 &	
			CHANGE	UNDER	OVER	NON-WHITE
PH-21-H	146	561	284.2	25.8	9.4	0.9
21-J	NA	1,082	-	24.0	10.3	0.7
21-F	228	1,068	368.4	32.6	3.7	0.09
21-D	NA	1,507	-	29.7	7.5	0.5
M -31-B	NA	3,540	-	33.2	6.9	0.08
TOTAL		7,758				0.3

The educational level of the population is moderate, being close to high school level in all areas. The median age is in the 30's. Details may be seen on the chart below.

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EDUCATION OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.	COLLEGE OVER GRAD. 25	MED. EDUC.	MED. AGE		
					M	F	
PH-21-H	28.3	9.6	11.0	374	11.8	37.0	38.1
21-J	26.3	10.0	6.9	707	11.3	38.1	40.3
21-F	37.6	14.2	13.4	620	12.4	29.5	31.3
21-D	25.7	9.4	10.2	904	11.5	32.4	34.6
M -31-B	31.3	14.2	18.2	2,549	12.4	30.4	30.8

Between 1955 and 1960 most of the population in this area did not move. The 30% to 40% that did apparently moved into the area rather than out, as indicated by the increasing total population. The median family income is moderate, being approximately \$8,000.00 annually in most areas.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	NON-WHITE POPULATION		% CHANGE	PUERTO RICAN	MED. FAMILY INC.	RESIDENCE 1960 SAME AS 1955 PERCENT
	1950	1960				
PH-21H	11	5	-54.5	0	NA	61.2
21J	NA	8		0	7,890	73.7
21F	1	1	0	6=0.6%	3,121	61.5
21D	NA	6		0	7,958	61.8
M-31B	NA	3		12=0.3%	7,831	56.7
TOTAL		23		18=0.2% of Tot. Pop.		

It is a matter of regret that this congregation did not submit a membership map in the Diocesan Study. Because of this it was necessary to assign an approximate number of baptized persons as "unlocated" in the City of Philadelphia so as to give something of a balanced picture of the total number of Episcopalians in the area and in the diocese. At the time this was done a figure of 506 baptized members was taken from the 1962 Journal and inserted. It is understood that this figure may not be exactly correct, but it was the only one available at the time this action was taken.

In addition to the members of this congregation who live in the parish area, there were other Episcopalians residing there who were located on the membership map submitted by other congregations. These Episcopalians totaled 443, or 5.7% of the 1960 population. This figure, which undoubtedly would be much larger if the Cathedral's membership was properly distributed in the correct census tracts, is larger than the diocesan ratio of Episcopalians to the population, 3.2%, and the national average, of 1.8%.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
21-H	561	39	7.0			
21-J	1,082	66	6.1			
21-F	1,068	81	7.6			
21-D	1,507	61	4.0			
SUB TOTAL	4,218	247	5.9			
M-31-B	3,540	196	5.5			
TOTAL	7,758	443	5.7			
PH. CO. UNLOCATED				506		100.0

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Located within the church neighborhood are two public grade schools, two public high schools, and two parochial schools. In addition there are 26 religious congregations in the area. Details of these may be seen on Pages K-1-3 of the Church Self-Study Form.

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

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Much of the program of this congregation is commented on in the Discussion and Recommendations at the end of the Study. Because of this there is no need to duplicate the discussion here.

Parish leaders are urged to read thoroughly the well prepared Church Self-Study Form that is reproduced in this Study following this discussion. Attention should be paid to the thoughtful comments, the evangelism and visitation program, and the future policy and program section at the end of the report.

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
Episcopal Church Center
815 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Date April 1, 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Church Cathedral Church of Christ

Street 8630 Ridge Avenue

City Philadelphia

County Philadelphia

Diocese Pennsylvania

Parish or Mission Cathedral

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? Roxborough

Lafayette Hill Northwest section of Philadelphia

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses _____ Industrial uses _____ Apartment dwellings _____

Rooming houses _____ Single-home dwellings X A college _____ Military
uses _____ Other institutions _____

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Yes. Building program of more single home dwellings and apartment
dwellings.

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS

ADDRESS

Shawmont

Shawmont and Eva Streets

Levering

Ridge and Gerhard Streets

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

Roxborough High

Phila. High School of Agriculture

ADDRESS

Ridge Avenue and Fountain Sts.

East Shawmont Avenue

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

St. Timothy's

ADDRESS

5720 Ridge Avenue

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

Immaculate Heart of Mary R. C.

ADDRESS

Cathedral Road

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES

ADDRESS

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION	ADDRESS
Andorra Baptist	8711 Ridge Ave.
Epiphany Lutheran	520 Livezy Lane
Immaculate Heart of Mary R. C.	Cathedral Road
Leverington Presbyterian	Ridge Ave., and Hermitage St.
Ridge Avenue Methodist	7805 Ridge Ave.,
Roxborough Baptist	6035 Ridge Ave.
Roxborough Presbyterian	8230 Ridge Ave.
St. David's Episcopal	Manayunk
St, Albans Episcopal	Ridge Ave.
St. Stephen's Episcopal	3913 Terrace
Grace-Reformed Episcopal	7372 Henry Avenue
Apostolic	8700 Ridge Avenue
Galilee Baptist Church	Roxborough & Mitchell Sts.
Mt. Vernon Christian Center	4701 Umbria St.
St. Timothy's Episcopal	5720 Ridge Ave.
Bethanien Lutheran Church	4351 Pechin St.
Ebenezer Methodist	Gay and Mansion Sts.
Salavation Army	6218 Ridge Avenue
Wissahickon Methodist	Terrace and Salaignac Sts.
Manayunk Presbyterian	Baker and Dupont Sts.
Emmanuel Methodist	Gates & Silverwood Sts.
First Methodist	480 Green Lane
Grace Lutheran	Ridge & Roxborough Avenues
Manayunk Baptist	197 Green Lane
Fourth Reformed	Manayunk & Monastery
Wissahickon Baptist	Terrace & Dawson Sts.

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

At an informal meeting at "Leighton Place", Overbrook, June 12, 1913, the first proposal to form a Cathedral Foundation for the Diocese of Pennsylvania was studied. In 1927, The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Bishop of the Diocese selected the present site on Ridge Avenue for the Cathedral. On June 25, 1932 ground was broken for Saint Mary's Chapel, the first unit of the Cathedral. On July 10, 1938 ground was broken for St. Michael's Chapel. Ground was broken for the new "James and Martha B. Hay Memorial Chapter House" on Thanksgiving Day, 1956.

The early planning of the Cathedral in the Diocese of Pennsylvania specified that "said corporation (The Cathedral Church of Christ) shall not maintain any parochial organization and shall not be entitled to any Lay representation in the Diocean Convention."

In 1950, as the housing development took place in upper Roxborough, the Bishop of the Diocese and the Cathedral Chapter, appointed the first resident priest to conduct weekly services in the Cathedral. The community continued to expand with the result of more and more Episcopal families worshipping weekly in the Cathedral. In 1961 at the request of The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Convention approved that Section VI of Canon XVII, of the Constitution and Canons in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, be deleted, thus the status of the Cathedral of Christ was changed to that of a pro-Cathedral, a canonical requirement to permit it to function as a parish as well as a Diocean center.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

Thirty-seven acres - St. Mary's Chapel - Chapter House - Rectory

Dwelling home (Manatawna Ave.) - Sexton's Home (Manatawna Ave.)

2. Type of church building: Frame ☐ Brick ☐ Stone ☒ Other ☐ (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

St. Mary's Chapel - this is the first unit to the Cathedral -

interior is not completed - setting 225 - St. Michael's Chapel

(Memorial) setting 12, improvements needed - completion of St. Mary's

Chapel -erection of 3 bays - estimated cost \$1,300,000.00.

Replacement Value \$ 1,500,000.00 Amount of insurance carried \$ _____

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached ☒ Separated ☐;

In basement of the church ☐; Frame ☐ Brick ☐

Stone ☒ Other ☐ (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

The parish hall to the Cathedral is known as the Chapter House.

It was built in 1957 - cost \$261,000.00. It has offices, choir room,

Chapter and Vestry Room, Church school rooms, large assembly room,

Kitchen and rest rooms. Total number of rooms: 15. The condition

of the Chapter House is good with the exception of:

(1) Leakage due to a "driving western rain" estimated cost: \$4,000.00

(2) New exterior doors - leakage on present doors est. cost: 1,000.00

Replacement value \$ 300,000.00 Amount of insurance carried \$ _____

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X;
Frame _____ Brick _____ Stone X Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building,
and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

The Rectory was built in 1959 - cost \$60,000.00. Rooms: 13

The condition: excellent - no improvements needed.

Is it used as a clergy residence? X If not, what use is made of
the building?

Replacement value: \$ 70,000 Insurance carried: \$

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving
(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

1. Residence - Manatawna Avenue

(a) Construction: Stone - frame - stucco - (b) number of rooms: 14
(c) condition: good (d) improvements - none (e) replacement value:
\$30,000.00 (f) Insurance: (g) present use: Rental

2. Sexton's Residence - 816 E. Manatawna Avenue

(a) construction: stone-stucco (b) number of rooms: 7
(c) condition: fair (d) improvements needed: exterior refinishing and
side walks - estimated cost: \$1,500.00 (e) replacement value: \$15,000.00
(f) insurance: (g) present use: Sexton's residence sent free

3. Storage Quarters (a) cinder blocks (b) rooms: 1 (c) condition
excellent (d) no improvements needed (e) replacement value: \$7,000.00
(f) Insurance (g) present use: storage of lawn equipment,
etc.

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 92
 Number of individuals not in families 42

2. Baptized membership Communicants Church School

<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>140</u>

3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list

<u>5 yrs. ago</u>	<u>4 yrs. ago</u>	<u>3 yrs. ago</u>	<u>2 yrs. ago</u>	<u>Last year</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>

Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list

<u>42</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>26</u>
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4. Communicants added:

By confirmation from Episcopal families	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>
By confirmation from other Churches	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
By reception from other Churches	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
By baptism and confirmation from no church	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>

5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year	<u>105</u>
Number of communicants who attended occasionally	<u>40</u>
Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community	<u>14</u>
Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred	<u>18</u>

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? 109

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	9:00 A.M.	25	35	60
Morning Prayer	11:00 A.M.	50	100	200
Holy Communion (1st Sunday)	11:00 A.M.	50	100	200
Senior Church School	11:00 A.M.	5	12	16
Jr. Church Nursery School	11:00 A.M.	40	65	75

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	Thursday - 7:30 P.M.	3	6	25
Holy Communion	Saints and Holy Days 7:30 P.M.	3	6	25
Holy Communion	1st Thurs. 10:00 A.M.	8	12	18

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Evening Prayer - Pilgrimage of Episcopal Churches in Diocese on Sunday
afternoons.

Lent - Evening Prayer on Holy Communion

Good Friday - 3 hour service - held at Cathedral Church other Episcopal
Churches in 21st Ward and Lafayette Hill

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

Good Friday - 3 hour service - held at Cathedral Church other Episcopal
Churches in 21st Ward and Lafayette Hill

Coverage attendance: 50

Sometimes special Lenten Services - average attendance: 10

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

Family service - in 1957 we changed the hour of Church School from
11:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. thus allowing family worship and an adult
instruction class-results good- but the senior choir objected because
of the extra low attendance at 11:00 A.M. After this experiment we have
family service on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 A.M. - results-good!

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? Yes
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? Yes (2nd Sunday)
3. Is baby care provided during any service? Yes - 11:00 A.M.

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff	12
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b. Students	103
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Total	115
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c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 59

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 82

e. Are absentee cards used? Yes

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 9

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. Teachers send out cards on first absentee; a telephone call on the second absentee; and a home visit on the third.

2. Worship schedule

[illegible]

[illegible]

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Bible, Prayer Book, Charts, flannel boards, tape recorder,

record player, slides, film, maps.

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

a) Nursery

b) 2-5 years of age - Worship Service set up for this age, study material,

games, the art of being together - getting to know each other, etc.

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? By the Rector and Superintendent, and
by some of the teachers themselves.

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the
number of sessions, the leaders, etc.

The teachers are trained from a booklet compiled by the Church School
Superintendent and from other materials used for this purpose. Films, etc., are
used from the Diocesan Church House - 5 to 7 sessions.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

Teachers are assisted by the Superintendent and, in some classes, a
fellow-worker as observer.

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE	Number	EDUCATION	Number	YEARS TEACHING	Number
19 years or less	<u>3</u>	Grade school	<u> </u>	one	<u>3</u>
20 to 29	<u>3</u>	Junior high	<u> </u>	two	<u> </u>
30 to 39	<u>3</u>	Senior high	<u>4</u>	three	<u>3</u>
40 to 49	<u> </u>	1 to 3 years College	<u>5</u>	four	<u> </u>
50 years or more	<u> </u>	College grad.	<u>2</u>	five	<u> </u>
		Graduate study	<u> </u>	6 to 10	<u>6</u>
Male	<u>5</u>			11 to 20	<u> </u>
Female	<u>7</u>	K-12		20 and over	<u> </u>

7. What problems does the church school have? _____

Not enough time for lesson material - also not enough time for
worship service.

B. Vacation Church School

1. When is it held? August
2. For how long each day? 3 hours
3. What type of courses are taught? Mission - Bible - Prayer Book -
Crafts.
4. How many children attend, usually? 25
5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's
church school? 20
6. How many teachers are there? 8

C. Released Time Program

1. When are classes held? _____
2. What type of courses are taught? _____

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____
4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian
education program of this congregation?

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the
Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 10 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 40 c. How long is each session? 1 hour d. Who is the instructor? Rector e. What material is used? Prayer Book, Bible, Various other materials.
- f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? In some Church School classes the general subject matter may be taught during the same year.

2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 20 b. How long is each session?
2 hours c. Who is the instructor? Rector d. What
material is used? Prayer Book, Bible, Church History, etc.

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

[illegible]

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

Retreat and discussion for the Vestry - 8 men attended.

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

None

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

a) more participation by parents and other adults - more teachers.

b) This year, again, we are attempting to have an adult Bible Class to be held on every Wednesday evening of the week.

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 107
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 3
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 30

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 74
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 3
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 34

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. None
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. —

D. For Girls in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	<u>45</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
3. Total active membership	<u>38</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>

E. For Boys in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys	<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
3. Total active membership	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>

F. For Youth in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
2. Total active membership	<u>48</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Acolytes' Guild

Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings 12

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 7:30 p.m.
3rd Thursday or Saints' or Holy Day.

B. Why does this organization exist?

For boys to serve at the altar - training youth in the services
of the Church.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

From grade school, Junior High and Senior High age boys.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Each meeting night the boys attend the Communion Service, after which
there is instruction and a brief business meeting.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Saturday afternoon trips to points of interest within the city or state.

One weekend each year a trip is taken to one of the larger cities to
visit churches, cathedrals and other points of interest.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

The major opportunities are to educate young men in the ways of the
Church - to work together as a team of young Christians - fellowship.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Secure more boys to participate in the Guild.

Signed by: James Van Osten

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Junior Choir

Total active members 19 Average attendance at meetings 19

Number of meetings each month 4-5 Day and time of meetings Thursdays 3:30-5:00

B. Why does this organization exist?

To sing God's praises - for further instruction on the Church's
services.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Boys and girls within the grade school and Junior High age group.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Education of the voice, and also instruction on:

a) The Prayer Book; b) The Church; c) The Life of Jesus; d) Christianity
in their own life.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Parties and trips - a week of camping during the summer season.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

No problems. The major opportunities are to acquaint children with
the singing of hymns and anthems, and other parts of the Church
Service.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

More time for rehearsals and instruction, and a greater number of
services arranged for their singing.

Signed by: Walter L. McElbourne

Title: Organist and Choir Director

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Day Chapter of The Cathedral Women

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 16

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 10:00 a.m.
1st Thurs. each month

B. Why does this organization exist?

a) To further The Cathedral programs; b) fellowship; c) worship;

d) to attend to many tasks within The Cathedral each month.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? _____

Unemployed women.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

a) Attend the Communion Service at each meeting.

b) Very little educational program because this group meets primarily
to do various work details within The Cathedral.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

a) This group sponsors the Gift Shop; b) takes care of all Junior,
Senior, and Acolytes' vestments - sewing and laundering; c) makes
financial contributions to The Cathedral program.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

a) To have a larger number of women participate in this organization.

b) Major opportunity-tasks that are essential and vital to the
furtherance of The Cathedral.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? _____

Larger number of women with some definite goals to reach within a
given year.

Signed by: _____

Lillian Sealy

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Evening Chapter of Cathedral Women

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 12

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 8:30 p.m.
3rd Tuesday

B. Why does this organization exist?

a) educational

b) fellowship

c) for furtherance of The Cathedral program

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

From women both employed and unemployed.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Each meeting starts with prayers, and usually has speakers,
discussion groups, or some other type of educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

a) Sponsors monthly coffee hour following the 11:00 a.m. Service.

b) Makes financial contributions to The Cathedral program.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

a) The major opportunity is that of having a small group of women
meet together for Christian education and the experience of Christian
fellowship. b) More women needed to participate in this organization.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Have the entire congregation support the various programs that are
planned by The Women of The Cathedral for the entire congregation.

Signed by: Mrs. C. M. Callahan Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Altar Guild

Total active members 13 Average attendance at meetings 11

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Tuesdays
10:00 a.m.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To properly take care of all Altar needs:

a) Cleaning of all vessels; b) flower arranging; c) worship and
fellowship; d) sewing all altar linens and vestments.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Girls and women.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

a) Attend the Communion Service on the day of meeting; b) instruction
on all phases of the Church; c) education on flower arranging.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Each year the Altar Guild sponsors, with the other organizations of
the women of The Cathedral, a Gift Box for women in our various
Nursing and convalescent homes.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

The major opportunity is to provide church women with the highest
possible achievement within any Episcopal Church, that is - to
prepare the altar for the Communion Service.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Since this organization stresses the great privilege and opportunities
rendered to each member, we feel that greater effectiveness within the
organization is not needed.

Signed by: Mrs. Ruth Graham

Title: President

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF TENURE</u>	<u>MOVED TO:</u>
William Whitmer	65	6 years	
James T. Berger	30		

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? yes

Does he give full time to this church? yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? none
Please give details.

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? 3

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? No

If so, which congregations? _____

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges \$ 12,099.59 (2) Plate offerings \$ 1,916.59 (3) Parish or mission organizations \$ 1,104.84 (4) Endowments \$ _____ (5) Special fund drives \$ 9,773.22 (6) Other (please specify) \$ _____

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
B. Disbursements						
Total current expenses				\$ 1,200.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Diocesan Assessment				None	960.00	2,175.00
Missionary Disbursements						
Special parish expense				None	1,200.00	3,000.00

Clergy salary or salaries:
 from congregation a) _____ 4,200.00 4,800.00 5,000.00
 b) _____
 from other sources a) _____
 b) _____

Rental value of the rectory \$ 150.00

Is the church in debt? No Amount of debt \$ _____ Method of repayment _____

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? Yes

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? personal Describe the training of the canvassers. Chairman trains the canvassers according to the method set up by the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

None

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support? Cathedral parish receives aid from the Cathedral Chapter.

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes
2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest X Congregation Diocese
3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? \$ 1,500.00 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? \$1,000.00 by the congregation
5. How much does the local congregation pay? \$1,000.00
6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	___	<u>X</u>	___
2. Sick or emergency	___	<u>X</u>	___
3. Calls for other purposes	___	<u>X</u>	___

4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:

Three days per week for all calls.

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? _____

The entire membership is called on at least two times per year,
with many families being called on more frequently.

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

Unchurched - by notification from members within the congregation

Newcomers - through the Cathedral Register or Visitor's Book.

(Certain days "cold" canvass).

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 10 hours

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. _____

Three Vestrymen in residence throughout the Roxborough area are
assigned the responsibility of lay calling, involving different
members of the Cathedral congregation who also reside in their community
to assist in the calling. One Vestryman is Chairman.

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

It is suggested by the Rector that each lay member on the Visitation
Committee make at least one call per week. There are ten members of
the Cathedral congregation designated for this responsibility.

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. Similar to our lay pastoral visitation committee, with the same number of participants.
- Visitors to the Cathedral congregation are presented a small lapel cross which designates to members of the Cathedral that they are a visitor with the intent that they are recognized as such and welcomed back for services, or for participation in any of the Cathedral activities.
4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?
- By educating the congregation on the virtue of friendliness. When a newcomer is attending the church, to extend the opportunity for fuller life with the congregation. Coffee hours are held after 11:00 a.m. Sunday Service once each month to bring together congregation as well as newcomers.
5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.
- There has been no religious census conducted by the congregation or other churches during the last ten years.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? Weekly notices of Church Services.
- Notices of all major activities within The Cathedral Parish.
- B. What use is made of radio and/or television? _____
- Radio -- for special announcements on activities.
- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? _____
- An average of one mailing per week.
- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. _____
- Sunday Bulletins sent out to members who have not attended the Services. Newsletters on the average of six per year. Many other types of publications - educational and for activities - are mailed to members.
- E. How many church road signs are there? 3

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

- A. Is this congregation community-minded? yes
- B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. _____
a) Community Council; b) Y.M.C.A.; c) Member of the Speakers Committee
for Salvation Army; d) Member and officer of 21st Ward, Clergy Council.
- C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.
Delegates from the congregation attend Community Council meetings, and
various school meetings. Host to a weekly Youth Dance with an average
attendance of 500.
- D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):
a) Brownies; b) Junior Girl Scouts
- E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:
a) Brownies; b) Junior Girl Scouts; c) Eastern Star; d) De Molay;
e) Manayunk Art Alliance; f) polling station.
- F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:
a) exchange of preacher in the pulpit; b) hymn sings; c) youth activities;
d) planned tours of The Cathedral; e) individuals from other religious
bodies invited to speak before Cathedral congregation organizations.

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? a) Youth Advisor; b) Member of Cathedral Chapter

c) Chaplain to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? President of the Diocesan Assembly of the

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? Diocesan: a) Germantown Convocation; b) Diocesan

Convention; c) Brotherhood of St. Andrew projects - teaching and worship.

National Church: a) T.V. programs; b) General Convention.

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: _____

a) Diocesan Convention; b) Germantown Convocation; c) Brotherhood of

St. Andrew; d) retreats and conferences.

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: _____

a) Diocesan Altar Guild; b) Germantown Convocation; c) U.T.O.

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: _____

a) Diocesan Y.P.F.; b) retreats; c) summer conferences.

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? 12%

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

The Rev. James T. Berger - Canon	Priest	\$5,200.	full time
Paul Meglathery - Seminarian	Church School Supt.	1,000.	part "
Walter Mellbourne - Organist & Choir Director	Choirs	2,000.	part "
Charles Theriot - Sexton	Janitorial	5,000.	full "
Helen Groth - Secretary	Secretarial	\$1.80 per hr.	part "

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

Volunteer personnel is excellent from the numbers of people that will be willing to volunteer their services. The number of persons, however, is small. Men's groups participate in many of the work details of The Cathedral. Women's groups volunteer their services for many aspects of The Cathedral, including the sponsorship and operation of a Gift Shop. Both men and women assist in the Every Member Canvass Drive. Youth are involved on a volunteer basis for assistance at dinners and at the Youth Dance.

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: More volunteer help needed for visitations.

2. Buildings: The completion of the present Chapel, or a design for a completed parish church.

3. Equipment: More church-like furnishings in the present chapel.

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

A tremendous building boom in both home and apartment buildings.

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

a) At this time there is no official status for the local congregation.

b) Worshipping in a non-completed Cathedral, with many draw-backs as far as appearance and comfort are concerned.

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

a) Adult educational program; b) additional programs for both boys and girls.

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

Cathedral building versus parish church - \$250,000.

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

\$20,000.

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

a) Local congregation working with the Cathedral Chapter and the

Bishop of the Diocese to secure parish status and do something

with the physical plant known as "St. Mary's Chapel" -- to either
have it completed or changed into a parish church.

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

The Bishop and Cathedral Chapter have been working on this for the

past year, with assistance from a specially formed committee

appointed by the Bishop to study the entire matter.

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH</u>
<u>The Rev. James T. Berger</u>	<u>Priest</u>	<u>10 years</u>
<u>Walter D. Condit</u>	<u>Warden</u>	<u>12 years</u>
<u>James Van Osten</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>7 years</u>
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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

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As mentioned earlier in this Study, no membership map was received from this congregation in the Diocesan Survey and so an arbitrary figure of 506 persons has been assigned as unlocated in the City of Philadelphia in order to give a balance to the overall strength of the Episcopal Church in the diocese.

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CATH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

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Figures for this portion of the Study were taken from the Journals of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Normally statistics are taken for every fifth year from 1940 through 1960 and for the next three years thereafter. Because of the developing nature of the Cathedral congregation and its question of identity, the first figures reported on in this assembly of vital statistics are those for the year 1955. Details may be seen on the page following this discussion.

The baptized membership of this congregation, as reported in the Journals, shows a developing pattern from 1955 to 1963. The same is true of the reported communicants and of the church school enrollment.

During the three years from 1961 through 1963, there were 31 persons baptized and 34 persons presented for confirmation in the congregation. These figures represent 4.6% and 5.1% respectively of the communicant strength. Comparable ratios are 3.9% and 4.1% in the diocese and 5.5% and 5.8% for the Episcopal Church nationally.

During the three-year period from 1961 through 1963 the total reported expenditures of this congregation amounted to \$39,882.00. Of this amount \$5,239.00, or 13.1%, was spent for work outside of the local congregation. The ratio for the diocese is 14.9%.

Expenditures per communicant at the Cathedral in this three-year period amounted to \$59.26. The diocesan figure is \$73.71.

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Extra-parochial expenditures per communicant
in the congregation during this time were \$7.78
while those for the diocese were \$10.45.

VITAL STATISTICS

* PARISH CATHEDRAL (ST. MARY CHAPEL) TOWN ** PHILADELPHIA
 COUNTY PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members		—	—	189	264	300	506	565
Communicants		—	—	50	165	183	236	254
Church School		24	—	67	83	81	103	112
Baptisms			—	19	5	3	16	12
Percentage of Communicants		—	—	—	3.0	1.6	6.8	4.7
Confirmations		—	—	—	10	14	12	8
Percentage of Communicants		—	—	—	6.1	7.7	5.1	3.1
Parochial Expenditures 1		NR	NR	NR	6,860	8,696	10,126	10,287
Special Par. Expenditures 2		NR	NR	NR	2,001	4,716	447	371
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3		NR	NR	NR	977	1,181	1368	2690
Total Reported Expenditures					9,838	14,593	11,941	13,348
Expenditures per Communicant					59.62	79.74	50.60	52.55
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant					5.92	6.45	5.80	10.59

* UNTIL @ 1960, CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST ** FORMERLY ROXBORO.

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
- 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
- 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

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There were 174 persons reported on in the Episcopal Census submitted by this congregation. This figure is approximately 31% of the 560 baptized persons reported on in the 1963 Journal and just under 35% of the assigned mapped membership of the congregation. Since the Division of Research has set 80% as a minimum figure the report submitted by this congregation is too small to be analyzed. In that the Episcopal Census is not a sample, it must have as close to 100% participation as possible in order to give a statistically valid profile of the congregation. Less than 80% of a congregation's strength allows for too many variables to come into the picture, and assumptions drawn on insufficient data cannot be trusted to give an accurate picture of the congregation's characteristics.

The following is a tabulation of the data submitted. Of 174 persons reported on in the age and sex chart, 84 were male and 90 were female. This number included 29 children under 10 years of age, 28 older children and teen-agers, 18 adults in their 20's, 23 adults in their 30's, 32 adults in their 40's, 22 adults in their 50's, nine adults in their 60's, and 13 adults 70 years of age and older.

Of 198 occupations listed, 125 were in a non-gainfully employed category. The total number included 14 pre-students, 62 students, 35 housewives, 29 professional people, eight managers, 12 clerical workers, nine sales workers, seven craftsmen, four semi-skilled workers, one domestic worker, three service workers, 12 retired persons, and two unemployed.

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The nationality backgrounds reported on included 54 Anglo-Saxons, nine Northern Europeans, four Southern Europeans, and one Spanish American.

Of 194 respondents there were three who said they had not been baptized and 76 who were not confirmed.

Information regarding the educational level of adults 25 years of age and over in the congregation was requested. There were 115 replies. Included were 29 college graduates, 24 who had attended college, 41 high school graduates, 13 who had attended high school, seven who had an elementary education, and one who had a primary education.

There were 10 non-members of the Episcopal Church in parish homes. This number included one Baptist, two Lutherans, one Methodist, two Presbyterians, three Roman Catholics, and one Reformed Episcopalian.

Place of birth was listed by 188 persons including 27 who were born outside of the State of Pennsylvania.

Present members of the Episcopal Church were asked to list a former religious affiliation if one existed. There were 13 answers. Included were four former Roman Catholics, three Methodists, two Reformed, one Congregationalist, one Presbyterian, one Lutheran, and one Baptist.

Replies from 69 families or individuals gave the distance they lived from the church which showed that 32 lived less than one mile away, 15 from one to two miles, 14 from two to three miles, four from three to four miles, and four lived four miles or more away.

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Travel time was given by 66 respondents and half this number needed less than 10 minutes to reach the church, 25 required from 10 to 20 minutes, five needed from 20 to 30 minutes, and three said they required 30 minutes or more to reach the church.

Of 64 respondents, 50 families reported living in their own homes.

There were 68 types of dwellings reported on including 44 single-family units, 14 duplexes, eight apartments, and two rooming houses. The ages of 61 residences were given including 34 that had been built since 1950, 12 that were erected between 1920 and 1950, three that were built between 1900 and 1920, and 12 erected before 1900.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST (ST. MARY'S CHAPEL) Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania

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The basic problem that faces this congregation is that of identity. At the time of the Study, it was not clear whether this really was the Cathedral of the Diocese with an attached anomalous congregation, or whether this was in actuality a parish congregation in a pro-cathedral setting. Until this matter has been settled, the real effectiveness of the congregation's work will be hampered in the growing area around it.

By whatever name it may be called, the congregation that meets for worship at the Cathedral facilities has been growing steadily. The percentages of baptisms and confirmations to the communicant strength are 4.6% and 5.1% respectively, somewhat higher than the diocesan ratios of 3.9% and 4.1%.

Attendance on an average Sunday finds approximately 37% of the baptized membership at worship. This is slightly below the 45% to 50% in most Episcopal congregations across the country. Part of the reason for this might be the problem that is listed in the Church Self-Study Form, that of "Worshipping in a non-completed Cathedral, with many drawbacks as far as appearance and comfort are concerned."

There are many parts of the parish life and program that can be commended. The service provided by the congregation in staffing programs for Cathedral-Diocesan

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activities is performed gladly, although this means less energy and leadership for normal parish functions. Experiments have been made in the church school time schedule to allow for maximum participation, and the results are reported to be good. The Vacation Church School is held in August, and although a relatively small number of children attend, it is a good activity and should be not only continued but strengthened. The lay visitation program involving members of the parish appears to be well planned, and should be supported and intensified to the fullest. The congregation is aware of its community, and although some of the activities and concerns are of a surface character, there is a good relation existing.

There appears to be room for expansion in the adult education program of the parish, with an emphasis on commitment. The percentage of participation by the adult members of the congregation is somewhat low. There is a devoted core of men and women who are active in what goes on, but there is a considerable fringe group that needs to be involved. If a Christian Education Committee does not already exist, it is recommended that such be formed and that long-range plans be laid for the development of a full adult education program, encompassing all levels of education, for the congregation. If deemed advisable, contact can be made with diocesan or National Church resources. There have been many excellent developments in educational techniques and group dynamics that might be most helpful in this situation.

It is to be regretted that no membership map was received in the Study. Therefore, no accurate picture can be drawn of how effective the congregation

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is in reaching the people in its immediate neighborhood. Information gathered from the membership maps of other congregations shows that from 4% to 7.6% of the population in the area surrounding the Cathedral is oriented toward the Episcopal Church. If the membership distribution of the Cathedral congregation were added to these statistics the percentage might be significantly higher in some areas. The leadership of the parish should make its own analysis of membership distribution on the basis of the United States Census Bureau tracts. Where an area of low membership is discovered, investigation as to opportunities there can be made. The high percentage of Roman Catholics or other identifiable religious groups in an area sometimes discourages church members from trying any form of evangelism in that area. It should be noted, however, that since the Episcopal Church nationally deals with less than 5% of the total population, there is almost always this percentage of people in any area that are unchurched, thus providing a field for evangelistic efforts. The stewardship level of this congregation is fairly high, but it is recommended that there be developed a long-range stewardship education program based on proportionate giving, looking to tithing. In 1960, the median family income of the area around the Cathedral ranged from \$7,800.00 to \$8,100.00 annually. No doubt, this figure has increased in the past five years. Members of the congregation, perhaps as part of the adult education program, could be led to understand that giving is a spiritual matter, and that it is an integral part of worship.

The future of this congregation appears to be almost limitless. Located in a growing area, the congregation can become, with adequate leadership, as numerically large and as community-oriented as it wishes.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania can greatly aid this congregation by swiftly bringing to a close the confusion as to what kind of congregation this is.